

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter is being presented.

Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nozawa (JP 2001-83791) in view of Saito (U.S. Patent No. 4,607,939). This rejection is respectfully overcome by amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “even with the toner replenishing container detached from the image forming apparatus.” Saito does not disclose an indication member which indicates a kind of toner even with the even with the toner replenishing container detached from the image forming apparatus. The only possible way for the color of the toner to be “indicated” is for the toner cartridge to be placed on the toner hopper 9. Accordingly, the features of claim 1 are neither taught nor suggested by Nozawa, Saito, nor a combination of the two.

Claim 2 is allowable at least due to its dependence from claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment captioned “**Version with markings to show changes made.**”

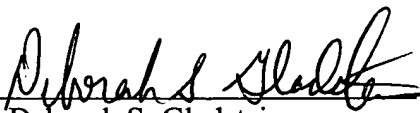
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A toner replenishing container for supplying toner to an image forming apparatus comprising:
 - a container body for storing toner therein;
 - a cap member attached to a mouth of the container body, the cap member having a toner outlet port and a shutter member for opening/closing the toner outlet port; and
 - an indication member removably attachable to the cap member to indicate a kind of toner in the container, even with the toner replenishing container detached from the image forming apparatus.

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